Support for K-12 Community Projects

**Lowe’s Toolbox for Education Grant Program**

The Toolbox for Education Grant Program, offered by Lowe’s Charitable and Educational Foundation, provides grants of $2,000 to $5,000 to public K-12 schools and school parent-teacher groups associated with public schools throughout the U.S. that develop projects that encourage parent involvement and build stronger community spirit. Preference is given to funding requests that have a permanent impact such as facility enhancement (both indoor and outdoor) and landscaping/clean up projects. This year the program is seeking ways to provide the tools that help educators and parent groups through these challenging times efficiently and with the greatest impact. Therefore, basic needs will take priority. The fall 2012 application deadline is October 12; however, if 1,500 applications are received before the application deadline, then the application process will close. Visit the program’s website to submit an online application.

Innovative Contemporary Visual Arts Presentations Funded

**The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts**

The purpose of the Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts is to foster innovative artistic expression and the creative process by supporting cultural organizations that, in turn, support artists and their work. The Foundation is focused primarily on encouraging work of a challenging and experimental nature, while noting that the interpretation of those terms may vary from place to place and culture to culture. Grants are provided to curatorial programs at museums, artists’ organizations, and other cultural institutions to originate innovative and scholarly presentations of contemporary visual arts. Projects may include exhibitions, catalogues, and other relevant activities. The Foundation has designated one of its grants, The Wynn Kramarsky Freedom of Artistic Expression Award, to recognize the work of organizations with a deep-seated commitment to defending the First Amendment rights of artists. The next postmark deadline for proposals to the Foundation is September 1, 2012. Visit the Foundation’s website to review the grant guidelines.

Grants Promote Cooperative Programs for Rural Seniors

**Cooperative Development Foundation: Mutual Service Cooperative Fund**

The Mutual Service Cooperative (MSC) Fund, administered by the Cooperative Development Foundation, focuses on cooperative development programs that enhance the quality of life for seniors living in rural America. (For information about cooperatives, visit [www.ncba.coop](http://www.ncba.coop/).) For the 2012
grants, the MSC Fund is looking for proposals that relate to cooperative solutions for seniors in rural communities, with a preference for proposals that are about integrating cooperative home care into rural housing developments. Interested organizations are encouraged to discuss their proposals with the staff to ensure that it meets the Fund’s criteria for 2012 before applying. Applications are due August 3, 2012 and grants are made in October or November. Visit the Cooperative Development Foundation’s website for application guidelines and forms.

**Grassroots Environmental Initiatives Supported**

**Fund for Wild Nature**

The Fund for Wild Nature provides grants to grassroots organizations in the United States and Canada for campaigns to save native species and wild ecosystems, with particular emphasis on actions to defend threatened wilderness and biological diversity. Priority is given to ecological issues that are not receiving adequate national attention. Grants, generally ranging from $1,000 to $3,000, are provided for advocacy, litigation, public policy work, development of citizen science, and similar endeavors. The Fund rarely supports proposals from organizations with large budgets (over $250,000 annually). The application deadlines are February 1, May 1, and September 1 of each year. Application guidelines and forms are available on the Fund’s website.

**Regional Funding Opportunities**

**Funds for Homeless and Transitional Housing Projects in the Eastern U.S.**

**TD Charitable Foundation: Housing for Everyone Grant Competition**

The TD Charitable Foundation is dedicated to sustaining the well-being of the communities served by the bank in Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia, and Washington, DC. The Foundation’s Housing for Everyone Grant Competition provides support for nonprofit organizations that make a meaningful difference in the affordable housing landscape of their communities. The 2012 grant competition seeks to address the need for increased access to homeless shelters and transitional housing. Special consideration will be given to applicants that focus on housing and shelter for returning veterans, at-risk youth, and single parent families. Twenty-five grants of $100,000 will be awarded to nonprofit organizations. The application deadline is August 31, 2012. Visit the bank’s website to submit an online application.
Grants Address Teen Pregnancy Prevention in Mississippi

Women’s Fund of Mississippi
The Women’s Fund of Mississippi supports nonprofit organizations that improve the lives of women and girls statewide. The Fund focuses its grantmaking on the prevention of teen pregnancy in order to increase economic self-sufficiency for women and girls throughout Mississippi. By giving young women access to opportunity and a vision for a positive future, along with access to preventive health care services and high quality sex education, the Fund believes that they will be less likely to have an unintended teen pregnancy. Interested applicants should submit an online concept brief application by September 6, 2012. Visit the Fund’s website to learn more about the specific grant focus areas.

Support for Ethnically Diverse Communities in Oregon

Black United Fund of Oregon
The mission of the Black United Fund of Oregon is to assist in the social and economic development of Oregon’s low-income communities and to contribute to a broader understanding of ethnic and culturally diverse groups. The goal of the Fund’s grantmaking program is to improve social and economic conditions and increase opportunities in traditionally underserved communities. The Fund makes grants of up to $5,000 in the following categories: Arts and Culture, Economic Development, Education, Health, Human Services, and Social Justice. Grant proposals that focus on serving African American and other ethnically diverse communities will be given priority. The application deadline is September 14, 2012. Visit the Fund’s website to review the grant guidelines.

Quality of Life Programs in Company Communities Funded

Pioneer Community Investment Program
The Pioneer Community Investment Program supports efforts to improve the quality of life in the communities where the company’s customers and employees live and work. The company focuses its grantmaking on the following areas: K-12 science and agriculture education; food security, sustainable agriculture, and healthy food issues; and local community betterment. Organizations with active Pioneer management/employee participation receive priority consideration. Requests may be submitted at any time and are reviewed quarterly. Visit the company’s website listed above to review the funding guidelines and submit an online application.

Federal Grant and Loan Programs
Community Facility Financing Available  
Department of Agriculture  
The Community Facilities Direct and Guaranteed Loans Program provides support to develop essential community facilities for public use in rural areas. These facilities include schools, libraries, childcare facilities, hospitals, medical clinics, assisted living facilities, fire and rescue stations, police stations, community centers, public buildings, and public transit. Loan funds may be used to construct, enlarge, or improve community facilities for health care, public safety, and public services, including costs to acquire land needed for a facility, pay necessary professional fees, and purchase equipment required for its operation. Applications are reviewed by Rural Development field offices throughout the year. Visit the website above for additional information.

National Development Activities Advancing Wetland Programs Funded  
Environmental Protection Agency  
The Wetland Program Development Grants provide support to develop and refine comprehensive programs for wetland protection and management. Activities eligible for support include research, investigations, experiments, training, demonstrations, surveys, and studies relating to the causes, effects (including health and welfare effects), extent, prevention, reduction, and elimination of water pollution. Proposed activities will be aligned with identified core elements and EPA's 2011-2015 Strategic Plan. Implementation projects are not eligible for funding under this announcement. The application deadline is August 13, 2012.

Investigations Furthering Employment Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities Supported  
Department of Education  
The Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program provides General Disability and Rehabilitation Research Grants to plan and conduct research, demonstration projects, training, and related activities, including international activities, to develop methods, procedures, and rehabilitation technology that maximize the full inclusion and integration of individuals with disabilities, and to improve the effectiveness of services authorized under the Rehabilitation Act. The application deadline is August 24, 2012.

Funding for Efforts Developing the Next Generation Pediatric Care Workforce  
Department of Health and Human Services  
The Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics Training Program provides support for activities designed to enhance behavioral, psychosocial, and developmental aspects of pediatric care. Support is
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provided to offer fellowships in developmental-behavioral pediatrics to prepare participants for leadership roles as teachers, investigators, and clinicians, as well as to provide pediatric practitioners, residents, and medical students with essential biopsychosocial knowledge and clinical expertise. Training participants should work towards being culturally competent; demonstrate a capacity to evaluate, diagnose, develop, and provide evidence-based interventions to individuals with autism spectrum disorders and other developmental disabilities after completion of their clinical training; and demonstrate an ability to use a family-centered approach. The application deadline is August 21, 2012.

Online Education Sessions

Upcoming Online Education Sessions
Unless otherwise noted, all Online Education Sessions are webinars, are 90 minutes in duration, and are scheduled to begin at 2 PM Eastern Time. The registration fee is $89 per person.

The Nonnegotiable Feasibility Study (NEW)
The first step in a capital campaign is a doozy so it’s critical to start out without stumbling. A well-planned feasibility study will give you the insight needed to lay the foundation for a successful capital campaign. In this webinar, Tom Ralser will walk you through the key elements of an effective feasibility study, including the primary goals, must-ask questions, and how to practically apply the results of your study to make your campaign a success. If there is a capital campaign in your future this webinar will be time well-spent. The power point presentation will not be sent out; however, participants will receive handouts prior to the webinar. This webinar will be held on Wednesday, July 18, 2012. Visit the link above to register.

Now Is the Time - Mobilize Your Board to Raise Funds: Part II
This webinar, presented by Judi Margolin, addresses in a highly specific and proactive way the reluctance of board members to fundraise. There are many roles that board members can play in helping to secure financial resources for your organization, beyond simply asking for money. The webinar identifies and fully explores each of these roles, with the goal of making your board members far more proficient at fundraising. Practical advice is provided on developing an action plan to establish and maintain a fully engaged fundraising board. Nonprofit development staff and volunteers
should consider attending with a member of their board. This webinar will be held on Thursday, July 26, 2012. (These webinars may be taken individually.) Visit the link above to register.

One Little Tool With Such Big Benefits: The Logic Model (NEW)
Do you ever wish you could predetermine how likely it is that the program you are designing will produce the desired results? Or if the resources you have planned and the strategies you have chosen are sufficient and appropriate? Short of having a crystal ball, constructing a logic model before you launch your program is the next best strategy. The logic model is a one-page diagram that lays out the resources, activities, outputs, and outcomes of a proposed program in a way that challenges the rationale of it all. Because it is a virtual road map for planning, budgeting, development, evaluation, and promotion, many funders require it as part of the grant application. In this webinar, Susan Eliot walks you through the development of a logic model, shares several examples, and leaves you with a step-by-step guide to creating your own logic model. She also shows you how to connect the other components of your grant application to the logic model. This webinar is designed for the novice grantseeker. This webinar will be held on Tuesday, July 31, 2012. Visit the link above to register.

FREE Tour of the GrantStation Website
Join Jeremy Smith, GrantStation's Communications and Technology Director, for a short tour of the GrantStation website. Learn how to use the tools that GrantStation provides to help you identify the right grantmaker for any program or project. The tour will also include information about our new, interactive Grant2020 visioning tool! If you've just joined GrantStation, this tour will help you determine the most effective way to use the valuable resources the website provides. If you haven't joined yet, this tour will help you determine if a GrantStation Membership fits your needs. There will be plenty of time for questions. This webinar will be held Tuesday, August 21, 2012. Visit the link above to register.

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